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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
O'Brien et al. §  
Serial No.: 09/837,041 §  
Confirmation No.: 9205 §  
Filed: April 18, 2001 §  
For: Process for Data Driven  
Application Integration for B2B §  
Group Art Unit: 3625  
Examiner: Fadok, Mark A.

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 13, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on March 31, 2005, with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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